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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/29/2004 & 1/25/2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-22 are pending in this office action.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed on 11/04/2004 and 2/7/2005, has been received, entered into record, and considered. See attached form PTO-1449.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The language of the claims raises a question as to whether the claims are directed merely to an environment or machine which would result in a practical application producing a concrete useful, and tangible result to form the basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 10-17 are rejected because applicant's disclosure discloses both tangible (e.g. storage media) and non-tangible (e.g. carrier waves) embodiments. Applicant is

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suggested to amend the claims to recite "computer readable storage medium" to overcome the 101 rejection.

To expedite a complete examination of the instant application the claims rejected under U.S.C. 101 (nonstatutory) above are further rejected as set forth below in anticipation of application amending these claims to place them within the four categories of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by **Grossman et al. (Grossman hereinafter)** (U.S. PG Pub No. 2004/0119760).

With respect to claim 1, **Grossman teaches a method for providing contacts to a device, comprising:**

“obtaining a search input from a user to locate a contact” as a search pane 440 with an input field 442 (**Grossman** Paragraph 0048 & Figure 4). Figure 4 show search term “Jane” is being entered to locate contact information.

“accessing contacts from the device” as computer executable instructions for operably displaying a user interface at the display device and for responding to user input entered at the user interface. The remote store interface module 240 includes sufficient computer executable instructions for searching and processing contact information stored at remote devices, such as remote device 220. Remote device 220 may be a remote computer, server containing contact information (**Grossman** Paragraph 0040).

“searching information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein the information that may be searched includes any information contained within the contact” as in particular, the search pane 440 may be used to enter a key term that may comprise part of a name, an address, or an attribute that can be used to search for desired contact information. For example, by typing the name “Jane,” one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name “Jane.” As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed (**Grossman** Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4).

“unifying the relevant contacts” as the schema module 250 is useful for enabling contact information from remote stores to be organized according to a single

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unifying schema. The schema module 250 may also be used to map and identify contact information stored in local stores, such as storage media 270 (**Grossman Paragraph 0041 & Figure 4**).

“providing the unified contacts” as the schema module 250 is useful for enabling contact information from remote stores to be organized according to a single unifying schema. The schema module 250 may also be used to map and identify contact information stored in local stores, such as storage media 270 (**Grossman Paragraph 0041 & Figure 4**).

Claim 10 is essentially the same as claim 1 except it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and is rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 2, **Grossman** teaches **“the method of claim 1, wherein searching the information within each of the accessed contacts to locate the relevant contacts that include the search input, further comprises searching at least three fields within each of the accessed contacts”** as Figure 4 (**Grossman Figure 4**). Figure 4 shows that the search comprises work email field, home email field, home 2 email field, work phone # field, home phone # field, and mobile # field.

Claim 11 is essentially the same as claim 2 except it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and is rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 3, **Grossman** teaches “**the method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a contact from the unified contacts and accessing the selected contact**” as when a contact is selected, such as with a mouse pointer or any other means, the contact information corresponding to the selected contact can be displayed in the secondary frame 420. In one embodiment, the contact information displayed in the secondary frame 420 consists of the same contact information displayed in the primary frame 410, only enlarged or rearranged. According to another embodiment, the contact information displayed in the secondary frame 420 includes additional information about the contact than is displayed in the primary frame 410. The secondary frame 420 may also display tasks that can be done with that contact (e.g., send IM to the contact, send email to the contact, and so forth) (**Grossman** Paragraph 0052).

Claim 12 is essentially the same as claim 3 except it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and is rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

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With respect to claim 4, **Grossman** teaches “**the method of claim 1, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing at least two different contact lists**” as Figure 4 (**Grossman** Figure 4). Figure 4 shows accessing two different contact lists, first one is my contacts and the second one is XYZ corporation directory.

With respect to claim 5, **Grossman** teaches “**the method of claim 2, wherein obtaining the search input may include obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon**” as in particular, the search pane 440 may be used to enter a key term that may comprise part of a name, an address, or an attribute that can be used to search for desired contact information (**Grossman** Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4).

Claims 13 & 19 are essentially the same as claim 5 except they set forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and a system and are rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 6, **Grossman** teaches “**the method of claim 5, wherein searching the information within each of the accessed contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input**” as in particular, the search pane 440 may be used to enter a key term that may comprise part of a name, an address, or an attribute that can be used to search for desired contact

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information. For example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed (**Grossman Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4**).

Claims 14 & 20 are essentially the same as claim 6 except they set forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and a system and are rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 7, **Grossman** teaches **"the method of claim 5, further comprising searching a first database for a first portion of relevant contacts, the first portion containing one or more entries from the first database; searching a second database for a second portion of relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the entries in the first portion have a different data structure format than at least some of the entries in the second portion"** as for example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed (**Grossman Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4**).

Claim 15 is essentially the same as claim 7 except it sets forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and is rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 8, **Grossman** teaches **“the method of claim 6, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing one or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database”** as for example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed (**Grossman** Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4).

Claims 16 & 21 are essentially the same as claim 8 except they set forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and a system and are rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 9, **Grossman** teaches **“the method of claim 2, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates”** as 400 may also include a list 450 of filters that may be utilized with or without the search pane 450 for filtering the aggregate contact information by classification, as described above. Any number of filters may be used at the same time. The filters may be provided as links, as

check box items, or as any other selectable object. The number and type of filters that may be included with the interface may be modified to accommodate any need and preference (**Grossman** Paragraph 0056).

Claims 17 & 22 are essentially the same as claim 9 except they set forth the claimed invention as computer readable medium and a system and are rejected for the same reasons as applied hereinabove.

With respect to claim 18, **Grossman** teaches **a system for providing contacts to a device, comprising:**

“an input device configured to receive search input from a user” as a user may enter commands and information into the computer 120 through keyboard 140, pointing device 142, or other input devices (not shown), such as a microphone, joy stick, game pad, satellite dish, scanner, or the like. These and other input devices are often connected to the processing unit 121 through a serial port interface 146 coupled to system bus 123. Alternatively, the input devices may be connected by other interfaces, such as a parallel port, a game port or a universal serial bus (USB) (**Grossman** Paragraph 0035).

“a display configured to display contacts” as an interface for enabling different contact information for a plurality of different contacts to be aggregated from numerous data stores into a single contact management system includes a window

frame for displaying the contact information in a variety of rich views that graphically illustrate patterns existent within the contact information (**Grossman Abstract**).

“a data store arranged to store contacts” as an interface for enabling different contact information for a plurality of different contacts to be aggregated from numerous data stores into a single contact management system includes a window frame for displaying the contact information in a variety of rich views that graphically illustrate patterns existent within the contact information (**Grossman Abstract**).

“an application that is configured to perform the following actions, including” as an interface for enabling different contact information for a plurality of different contacts to be aggregated from numerous data stores into a single contact management system includes a window frame for displaying the contact information in a variety of rich views that graphically illustrate patterns existent within the contact information (**Grossman Abstract**).

“obtaining the search input that is used to locate a contact” as a search pane 440 with an input field 442 (**Grossman Paragraph 0048 & Figure 4**). Figure 4 show search term “Jane” is being entered to locate contact information.

“accessing the contacts from the data store” as computer executable instructions for operably displaying a user interface at the display device and for responding to user input entered at the user interface. The remote store interface module 240 includes sufficient computer executable instructions for searching and processing contact information stored at remote devices, such as remote device 220.

Remote device 220 may be a remote computer, server containing contact information (**Grossman** Paragraph 0040).

“searching information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein a majority of information within each of the accessed contacts may be searched” as in particular, the search pane 440 may be used to enter a key term that may comprise part of a name, an address, or an attribute that can be used to search for desired contact information. For example, by typing the name "Jane," one or more of the contact information directories is searched for contact information corresponding with the name "Jane." As shown in the present embodiment, various Jane contacts from the My Contacts directory and the XYZ Corporation directory are displayed (**Grossman** Paragraph 0054 & Figure 4).

“unifying the relevant contacts” as the schema module 250 is useful for enabling contact information from remote stores to be organized according to a single unifying schema. The schema module 250 may also be used to map and identify contact information stored in local stores, such as storage media 270 (**Grossman** Paragraph 0041 & Figure 4).

“displaying the unified contacts on the display” as the schema module 250 is useful for enabling contact information from remote stores to be organized according to a single unifying schema. The schema module 250 may also be used to map and identify contact information stored in local stores, such as storage media 270 (**Grossman** Paragraph 0041 & Figure 4).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure is listed on 892 form.

Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Usmaan Saeed whose telephone number is (571)272-4046. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached on (571)272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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